

Barbara Vodapivc

From: "Barbara Vodapivc" <bvodapivc@acb.org>
To: <info@acb.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2002 10:35 AM
Subject: I support video description - MM docket number 99-339

Mr. William Caton, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., SW
Washington, DC 20544

Dear Mr. Caton,

Allowing the National Association of Broadcasters, the National Cable Telecommunications Association and the Motion Picture Association of America to prevent blind and visually impaired Americans the opportunity to fully enjoy television and movies is insupportable.

I know from personal experience that people, who are blind and visually impaired, find it uncomfortable and do not wish to have to ask what is happening on the screen when there are no audio clues. Too much of what is being presented is lost to too many viewers.

The technology to provide video description has been available for years. There is no excuse for waiting any longer.

I urge you to implement video description in April, 2002.

Sincerely,

Barbara Vodapivc

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From: " Allen Hirsh" <allenhir@earthlink.net>
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Subject: I support video description

I support the FCC in not retreating from their video description order. I need video description implemented on schedule in April.

Rhonda Weiss
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Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2002 9:43 AM
Subject: I need video description

I need video description. Please move forward in April on the implementation of Video description regulations.
Rick Malley
Greenfield, MA.

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From: "John and Kathren bakewell" <jkb@cookeville.com>
To: <Info@ACB.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2002 11:39 AM
Subject: I support video description!!!

To whom it may concern,

My name's John Bakewell, and I live at 3590 Melody Lane, Baxter Tennessee, 38544, and, I've been blind since Pearl Harbor Day of 1981. There's no doubt in my mind that the video descriptive movies I've seen has been worth the investment in every way. It makes the enjoyment, and understanding of what is happening so easy to picture in a mind that's been denied visual perception through no fault of me. I know, from talking to other blind people that it's a great help to them, and even more so to those who've been born blind from birth. The big corporations have a reputation for weasiling out of responsibility, when it comes to spending a nickol or two, so it doesn't surprise me that they are trying to do so now. What is surprising is that the politicians would choose to ignore a voting block of better than 10,000,000 people, young and old, which points to present, and future voters nationwide! I would imagine that this number is somewhat antiquated as it was a number mentioned about a decade or more in the past.

Again, I think the politicians need to get off their duffs and make a realistic effort to get this legislation pushed through, and deny these unmitigated scoundrels from the corporate board their delaying tactics!!!

Sincerely,

John

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Subject: I support video description

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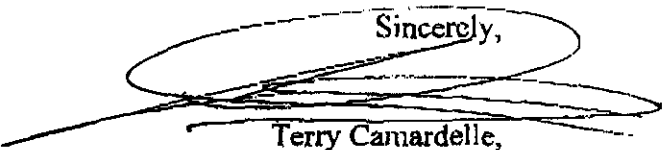
Mr. William Caton, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Reference MM Docket no. 99-339

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I am writing on behalf of Randolph-Sheppard Vendors of America (RSVA) the largest organization representing blind vendors across the country. Our organization supports video description totally. We think that it truly a sad day in America when blind people are denied access to information that is available to everyone else. Shame on the movie, cable, and television industry for even considering such a thing. Blind people have the right to the same information as sighted people do. We are appalled at such action by the movie, cable, and television industry and go on record in support of video description.

Sincerely,


Terry Camardelle,
RSVA President

Cc:

Charles Crawford, Executive Director
American Council of the Blind
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From: "Cheryl Leidich" <cleidich@attbi.com>
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Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2002 8:15 PM
Subject: video transcription

I support video description.

I am a Teacher of the Visually Disabled in Denver Colorado and this is a service that is essential for both my Blind and Visually Disabled students.

I support the FCC in not retreating from their video description order. My students need video description implemented on schedule in April.

Cheryl Leidich, Teacher of the Visually Disabled
Denver Public Schools
Denver, Colorado

I support the FCC in not retreating from their video description order. I need video description implemented on schedule in April.

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From: "Janet Jenkins" <janetleejenkins@yahoo.com>
To: <Info@ACB.org>
Sent: Friday, March 01, 2002 12:30 AM
Subject: I support video description.

I support video description. Just wanted you to know.
Janet Lee Breitigam
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From: "CORINNA ANTONIS" <c_antonis@yahoo.com>
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Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2002 3:55 PM
Subject: I support the video description

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From: "Steve Berry" <SBerry@metrocast.net>
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Subject: I Support Descriptive Video!!!

Mr. William Caton, Secretary of the FCC,

It has come to my attention that the National Association of Broadcasters, the National Cable Telecommunications Association and the Motion Picture Association of America have filed a petition at the FCC to stay the implementation of the video description rule until after the court appeal is decided and that this request is being made just one month before compliance is required from the industry, well into the period the industry was given as an extension.

I am Blind myself and have had the opportunity to watch Videos with this special narration and it was fantastic! I understood the movie as well as my sighted wife and children. I watch very little television now unless I have someone to interpret for me, which isn't often, but with Descriptive Video Services I could enjoy tuning in as much as everyone else.

Please do not support any effort to prolong the implementation of this much needed and wanted service! Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
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From: <JFfissette@aol.com>
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Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2002 1:58 PM
Subject: I will support VIDEO DESCRIPTION

I WILL SUPPORT VIDEO DESCRIPTION.

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From: "Keith Patterson" <KeithP@Freedomscientific.com>
To: <Info@ACB.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2002 1:10 PM
Subject: I support Descriptive Video

As a blind person I support descriptive video one hundred percent, I find it appalling that they want to duck out in the 11th hour!

Keith Patterson
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From: "Teri Grossman" <tgrossman@socal.rr.com>
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Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2002 1:13 PM
Subject: I support video description

It's about time.

Teri Grossman

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From: "J. Rock Johnson" <jrock10@sprynet.com>
To: <info@acb.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2002 12:57 PM
Subject: I support video description

The FCC should implement video description in April, on schedule.

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From: <drjr@bissland.com>
To: <info@acb.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2002 11:35 AM
Subject: I support the VIDEO DISCRIPTIONS

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From: <jrbdc1@pocketmail.com>
To: <info@acb.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2002 11:35 AM
Subject: I support "vidio discription"

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From: "Harold" <oldshoe@bellsouth.net>
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Subject: I support video description

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From: "Tom McGee" <tmcgee@teleport.com>
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Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2002 6:54 PM
Subject: I support video description

As a person with a visual impairment and a professional in the field of Vision / Special Education, I support the FCC in not retreating from their video description order. The **visually impaired community needs** video description implemented on schedule in April. We trust that the FCC will see this through.

Tom McGee

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From: "Ferraro, Kim" <KFerraro@lagoodwill.org>
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Attach: American Council of the Blind letter.doc
Subject: I support video description

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From: "Lori MorozWhite" <morozwhite@worldnet.att.net>
To: <Info@ACB.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2002 7:49 PM
Subject: I support video description

To whom it may concern:

I am in total support of MM docket number 99-339 that requires the industry to start broadcasting DVS on schedule.

I am appalled that the industry is not diligently supporting descriptions. This is a public service for the blind, that is just as necessary as closed captions are for the hearing impaired. Many elderly people will also benefit from descriptions as they do from closed captions.

Furthermore, as a parent of a blind mainstreamed child, it is imperative that she is given access to the media as a sighted child. Just because she is in a minority does not allow for the industry to deny her timely access.

Sincerely,
Lori Moroz-White

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From: "Joe Tolve" <jtolve@optonline.net>
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Subject: I support descriptive video

For years I've been waiting for the blind community to have descriptive tv and movies everywhere! It is our right and we should have access to not only the theater building, but what is being shown there as well. I want talking atm machines at banks too. It's too long now being disconnected from the every day things everyone else takes for granted. Equal Rights for all of Us!

Sincerely,

Joe Tolve

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From: "Margaret Cleary" <mecleary@carroll.org>
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Subject: I support Video Description

I support Video Description. I think that the movie industry should comply.

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Subject: I support video description

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February 28, 2002

Mr. William Caton, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Subject: MM docket number 99-339

Dear Mr. Caton,

It is unfair that the movie, cable, and broadcast industries insist on getting off the hook with providing descriptive video to the blind viewing audience. In September 2000, the FCC promulgated a new rule that required the four major television networks in the 25 top markets to provide four hours of video descriptive services during prime time and children's programs every week. The major networks have already chosen the programs slated for description and have contracted with various organizations which are currently wrapping up their descriptions for the programs to be described during the first week of April. This new rule enacted by the FCC needs to take place as scheduled for April, 2002. It is discriminatory and unlawful to allow the trade associations to ignore the needs of the blind and visually impaired people in the United States. Their objections are without substance, their motives are suspect, and their behavior is more of a temper tantrum than the action of an industry that purports to care about its viewers.

I am totally blind and having video description will benefit me and other blind and visually impaired people that watch these television programs because we will have a much better idea of what's occurring on the screen. Other blind and visually impaired people will also enjoy watching these programs more if they have video description.

Technology and strategies for implementing audio description are well understood and widely available already. Requiring the television industry to begin making the service available is a timely and reasonable thing to do. I am requesting the support of the FCC in carrying out this ruling by the April 2002 deadline.

Sincerely,

Katie Zodrow